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SRI T. SHUNMUGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒரு ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னை. கேள்விகளுக்கு நேரம் கொடுக்கும்போது ஒரு பகுதி கேள்விகளுக்கு நிறைய நேரம் கொடுத்துவிட்டு கடைசி பகுதிகளுக்கு அதிக நேரம் கொடுக்கப்படாமல் ஒரேயடியாய் அடித்துக்கொண்டு போவதை விட எல்லா கேள்விகளுக்கும் ஒரே நேரம் ஒதுக்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நூறு கேள்விகள் இருந்தால் சில கேள்வி களுக்கு அநேகம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிற்பார்கள், சில கேள்விகளுக்கு கொஞ்சம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிற்பார்கள். அதிக அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிற்கும் கேள்விகளுக்கு அதிக நேரமும், கொஞ்சம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிற்கும் கேள்வி களுக்கு கொஞ்ச நேரமும்தான் கொடுக்கப்படும். குறைவாக அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிற்கும் கேள்விகளை ஒரேயடியாக அடித்துக்கொண்டுதான் போகவேண்டும். நீங்கள் உபயோகித்த வார்த்தைகளையே நானும் உபயோகிக்கிறேன். Questions are over."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. The Hon. Minister for Labour replied that the facts leading to the issue of the Press communique had been given in the communique itself. This communique has served as a sort of green light to the employers inasmuch as the malpractices practised by the employers were not at all mentioned in it."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This relates to a question which was answered by me during the question hour to-day. I take it that you have not permitted this as a supplementary question to be answered by me."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) LAWLESSNESS IN HOSDRUG SUB-TALUK.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

' This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to safeguard the public security and people's property in Kodoth village and suburbs in Hosdrug sub-taluk, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, where looting, arson and indiscriminate attack on peasants and merchants have taken place and continue to take place since 29th January 1955, the latest one being on 3rd February where five shops were set on fire in Odayanchal.'

" I think that this has been answered as a short notice question. This subject came up before the House a number of times."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" No, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will allow the hon. Member to explain how this matter comes under an adjournment motion. Then the Hon. Minister will reply and I will give my ruling."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, indiscriminate attack by the landlords on peasants and merchants have taken place and are taking place in Kodoth village and its neighbouring

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villages. Representations have been made to the police authorities there. It is alleged that the Sub-Inspector of Police there has got something to do with this and that it is in connivance with him, that the landlords are committing these atrocities. There is lawlessness and a feeling of insecurity among the people there. To invite the attention of the Government to this situation, I have given notice of this adjournment motion earlier."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry that the facts mentioned by the hon. Member are not correct. Certainly I am prepared to make a statement. But I would advise him not to press for the statement and to drop the adjournment motion."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" If this means that the Hon. Minister is prepared to make an enquiry in the light of what the Member has said, the adjournment motion need not be pressed."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already made enquiries and informed the hon. Member. I would advise him not to press the adjournment motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It seems that the hon. Member has taken private advice from the Hon. Minister."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : —" The Hon. Minister told me that it was better that I did not press for the motion. My anxiety is that the feeling of insecurity among the people has arisen out of indiscriminate attack by landlords should be removed and proper attention paid to safeguarding the interests of the people as a whole. I am told by the Hon. Minister that the authorities concerned have gone to the spot and enquired into the position and that adequate protection will be given to the people. Since the achievement of this end is the object of my adjournment motion, I do not want to press it."

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" On a point of information, Sir. An adjournment motion has been moved and the subject matter is a matter of public importance. The Minister concerned is giving the adivce that a statement from him need not be pressed. Has not the House the right to know why it should not be pressed and why the Minister is giving that advice and hesitating to make a statement? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as the Government are concerned, we have no hesitation at all."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The adjournment motion has not yet been moved and therefore the House has not taken possession of the motion. If the Member says that he is going to press the motion, then I will give my ruling."

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* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the way in which it is suggested that the motion need not be pressed seems to imply that if the facts are given, they will be adverse to the Mover." 12-10 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever that be, the hon. Member who has given notice of the motion is pot pressing it. I cannot understand why the hon. Member should request the hon. Member in charge of the motion to press it. Since the latter is not pressing it, the matter is closed."

(2) LATHI CHARGE ON PICKETERS BEFORE THE NAGJI PURUSHOTHAMAM COMPANY, KOZHIKODE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House would remember that the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan had given notice of an adjournment motion on Thursday last. The motion reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the lathi charge, arrest and torture of peaceful picketers before the Nagji Purushothamam Company, Kozhikode, on the 27th and 28th January 1955, and on 9th February 1955, committed by the Police and the failure of the Government to prevent the Police from interfering in the normal trade union activities and resorting to excesses, which causes great anxiety to the people in and around this area.'

" The hon. Member would remember that the Hon. Minister stated that the matter was *sub judice*. I examined the question. The matter is *sub judice*. Therefore, I do not think it is a proper subject to be discussed on the floor of the House."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not press my motion, Sir."

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 11th February 1955, from the Governor :—

'In pursuance of Article 207, clause 1, read with Article 199, clause 1 sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955.' "

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 17th February 1955, from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 17th February 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 17th February 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.' "